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**U.S. ACCUSES THREE IN SCHEME TO  
FRAUDULENTLY OBTAIN MICHIGAN LICENSES FOR NEW YORKERS**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and KEVIN P. DONOVAN, Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, announced that ROSTYSLAV LUKOVETSY, a/k/a "Rostic," ANDRIAN BIRETSKY, a/k/a "Andrey," and ALEKSANDR YEREMIN, a/k/a "Alex," were indicted today in Manhattan federal court in connection with a scheme to traffic in fraudulent identification documents and illegally-obtained driver's licenses from Michigan.

According to the Indictment, and criminal Complaints filed in the case in April, LUKOVETSKY and his co-conspirators allegedly solicited clients who wished to fraudulently obtain driver's licenses and transported them from the New York and Philadelphia area to Michigan. As alleged in the Indictment, while en route to Michigan, LUKOVETSKY usually provided the clients with counterfeit foreign birth certificates and foreign

driver's licenses they could use as proof of identity. Once in Michigan, LUKOVETSY met with BIRETSKY and YEREMIN, who are alleged to have filled out Michigan driver's license applications for the clients, using Michigan addresses controlled by BIRETSKY and his co-conspirators. The two allegedly provided translations of the counterfeit foreign birth certificates and foreign driver's licenses that had been provided to the clients by LUKOVETSKY.

BIRETSKY, YEREMIN, and their co-conspirators then accompanied the clients into a Michigan Department of State ("DOS") office where the clients applied for driver's licenses using the counterfeit documents and the addresses provided to them. During the application process, the Michigan DOS clerk administered a written knowledge tests to the clients, to which YEREMIN provided the answers while he translated the test for the clients. If the clients successfully completed a road test, they would be issued a temporary driver's license by the Michigan DOS.

As alleged in the Indictment, after the clients obtained a valid temporary Michigan driver's license, LUKOVETSKY would then drive them back to the Philadelphia area. A few weeks later, LUKOVETSKY arranged to deliver permanent Michigan driver's licenses to the clients, which had been mailed to the addresses in Michigan provided by BIRETSKY.

According to the Indictment, in exchange for the fraudulently obtained driver's licenses, the clients each paid

the conspirators approximately \$1,500, usually in advance. Over the course of the conspiracy, the defendants illegally obtained approximately 50 Michigan driver's licenses in this manner, according to the Indictment.

If convicted, LUKOVETSY, BIRETSKY, and YEREMIN each face maximum sentences of 15 years for conspiracy to traffic in fraudulent identification documents and 15 years for trafficking in fraudulent identification documents. In addition, each count carries a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Mr. COMEY praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in investigating this case.

Mr. COMEY said the investigation is continuing.

LUKOVETSKY, 32, is a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. BIRETSKY, 36, is a resident of Warren, Michigan. YEREMIN, 24, is a resident of Berkley, Michigan.

Assistant United States Attorney ALEXANDER H. SOUTHWELL is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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